

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-5 and 11-29 are present in this application.

Claims 1-5 and 11-29 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. The Office Action contends that the word “substantive” does not describe a characteristic of the user input and does not add weight to the claimed language. This contention, however, is respectfully traversed. The specification distinguishes between design parameters and substantive data. As described in the specification, design parameters include non-substantive data such as poster size, orientation, figure placement, resolution, paper type, colors and the like. Once the design criteria has been established, substantive data is uploaded to be included in the poster. See, for example, paragraph [0012]. See also paragraph [0003]. As would be apparent to those of ordinary skill in the art, the substantive data is the data that embodies the scientific poster content (as opposed to layout or design), for example, including background and research information, experiment data, results, etc.

Withdrawal of the rejection is thus respectfully requested.

Claims 1-5 and 11-29 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(a) over a website referenced as “Kings College London ‘Photography and Design Services.’” This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Without conceding the Office Action’s characterization of the Kings College London website, Applicants submit that the website is not prior art to the present application. The Applicants conducted a WHOIS search for the domain “kcl.ac.uk,” the results of which are attached. From the results, it is clear that the earliest possible publication date for this section of the Kings College London website is November 3, 2003. Since the subject application was filed on August 22, 2001, claiming priority from provisional applications filed on August 22, 2000

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and February 23, 2001, it is clear that the present application pre-dates the Kings College London website.

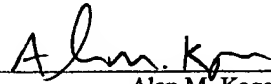
Withdrawal of the rejection is thus respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that the claims are patentable over the art of record and that the application is in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner believe that anything further is desirable in order to place the application in condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

Prompt passage to issuance is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachment: Results of Domain Name Search

Domain Name Search Result

[Querying whois.ja.net]
[whois.ja.net]

Domain:
kcl.ac.uk

Registered For:
King's College London

Registered By:
JANET

Servers:
iguana.kcl.ac.uk 137.73.2.5
mozart.ucc.hull.ac.uk
axolotl.kcl.ac.uk 137.73.2.8
warpserver.ucc.hull.ac.uk
ns3.ja.net

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